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1. On 27 February two Soviet officers and three Soviet soldiers left Kumsu (127-27, 38-17); they arrived at Ch'unch'on (127-44, 37-52) on 1 March, and on 2 March they were seen riding on horseback in Choyang-tong Street in Ch'unch'on. The ranking officer was a lieutenant colonel. The other officer was adviser to the North Korean II Corps and was en route to the central front on an observation trip. Both officers wore North Korean officer uniforms; the soldiers wore Chinese Communist uniforms.
2. The North Korean Army is planning to reassign 50 percent of all North Korean troops to Chinese Communist units by the end of April in preparation for a Chinese Communist-North Korean joint operation to be accomplished by the end of May. The most capable North Korean troops are being selected for integration, and are being sent to undetermined areas north of the 39th Parallel.
3. Epidemic diseases identified as typhus, typhoid, and smallpox are affecting a large proportion of civilians and North Korean troops in the Ch'unch'on area and areas north of Ch'unch'on. The mortality rate is 50 percent of those infected.
4. There is a rumor in the Ch'unch'on area that the North Korean Central People's Committee has ordered all inhabitants in territory between the 38th and 39th Parallels to evacuate to the north. The evacuees are permitted to take only the amount they can carry. Less valuable items are to be left for burning at designated points by the staff of the local People's Committees or by the Interior Police.
5. All members of all North Korean organizations south of the 38th Parallel were ordered to move north by the North Korean Army General Headquarters.
6. The North Korean government plans to send 60 percent of the evacuees from areas south of the 39th Parallel to Manchuria in the following order: Members and staff (including families) of the Labor Party, the Interior

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Police, the North Korean Army, and other North Korean government officials.

7. Just prior to the retreat of North Korean and Chinese Communist troops from the Ch'unch'on area, Rightists remaining in the area and on the North Korean check list were slaughtered by the use of iron spears. Rape in the area increased to such an extent that children are assigned to warn their families of the approach of small groups of North Korean soldiers. There is a rumor in the Ch'unch'on area that KIM Il-sŏng issued a special order for the execution of all Rightists who had been sentenced to five years or more in North Korean prisons.

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